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HIGHLIGHTS

- Created two international (17 countries) descriptive reports on Fridays For Future. I served as main survey designer, dataset quality manager, first author of the Belgian chapters, and co-editor of the preprint reports. Based largely on these data, we published a peer-reviewed essay in *Social Movement Studies*. Together, this output has proven valuable to the academic community (close to 900 citations).
- Co-authored five other AI publications in top-ranking journals (incl. *Environmental Politics*, *Social Science Research*, *Social Movement Studies*).
- Top 1% of ResearchGate members who first published in 2019, in terms of the 'research interest' metric.
- Successfully collected two-wave egocentric survey data using Qualtrics whereby I was able to recall for each respondent in wave 2, the unique names of alters they listed in wave 1. Shared the implementation of this technique with members of my research group.
- Collected data and co-authored three public reports (climate strikers; covid-19 protests; decolonization debate) with societal impact; gained experience with providing commentary to journalists.
- Gained useful teaching experience and strongly motivated to grow as academic teacher and researcher.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Voluntary member of [M²P](#), University of Antwerp (April 2022-Present)

Navorsers (extension PhD student funding), University of Antwerp (Nov 2021-April 2022)

PhD student, University of Antwerp (Oct 2017-Oct 2021)

EDUCATION

PhD	U Antwerp, political science <i>Dissertation: Interpersonal protest recruiting. Microlevel predictors and outcomes of asking others to participate in protest</i>	2024*
60 ECTS prep year	U Ghent, communication science, cum laude	2017
MA	U Ghent, history, magna cum laude <i>Dissertation: Hayeks historici. Een intellectuele geschiedenis van de Mont Pèlerin Society en Hayeks bekommernis om de rol van de historicus als opiniemaker</i>	2016
BA	U Ghent, history	2015

TEACHING + ASSISTANCE EXPERIENCE

- [Co-taught](#) multiple regression and scale construction to bachelor students for Leeronderzoek I & II during academic year 2019-2020 (please note I was BAP, not AAP).
- Assisted Professor Walgrave between 2020-2022 with preparing and evaluating the multiple choice-exam for Politicologie.
- Helped during survey design phase of Professor Walgrave's ERC-funded POLEVPOP project.
- Currently assisting Professor Antje Daniel (U Vienna) with teaching Qualtrics to PhD students, survey design and dataset merging on a remunerated freelance basis.

* Final dissertation before 1 June, actual defense before 1 October

DATA COURSES

- Intro to Python (Flanders Training Network for Methodology and Statistics [FLAMES], 3 days in 2021)
- A practical introduction to Data Science (FLAMES, 3 days in 2020)
- R Workshop (StatUA, 3 days in 2020)
- Methods of Causal Analysis (ECPR Winter School, 5 days in 2020)
- Linear Regression with R/Stata (ECPR Winter School, 5 days in 2019)
- Categorical data analysis (StatUA, 3 days in 2018)
- Successfully completed the theoretical exam of Statistics II at the UA (2018)

PUBLICATIONS

Two R&R papers (one solo-authored) not listed

8. **De Vydt, M.** (2025). Frame alignment. *Elgar Encyclopedia of Political Communication* (forthcoming)
7. Knops, L., & **De Vydt, M.** (2024). Capitalism at the roots: The crisis of representative democracy through the eyes of Belgian climate activists. *Environmental Politics*, 33(1), 1–29. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2023.2180922>
6. **De Vydt, M.**, & Walgrave, S. (2023). Protest participation propensity cues and selective recruitment: Dyadic evidence on rational prospecting. *Social Science Research*, 112, 102806. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2022.102806>
5. Wouters, R., **De Vydt, M.**, & Staes, L. (2022). Truly Exceptional? Participants in the Belgian 2019 Youth for Climate Protest Wave. *Politics of the Low Countries*, 3(2022). <https://doi.org/10.5553/PLC/.000029>
4. **De Vydt, M.**, & Ketelaars, P. (2021). Linking consensus to action: Does frame alignment amongst sympathizers lead to protest participation? *Social Movement Studies*, 20(4), 439–458. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2020.1770071>
3. de Moor, J., **De Vydt, M.**, Uba, K., & Wahlström, M. (2021). New kids on the block: Taking stock of the recent cycle of climate activism. *Social Movement Studies*, 20(5), 619–625. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14742837.2020.1836617>
2. de Moor, J., Uba, K., Wahlström, M., Wennerhag, M., & **De Vydt, M.** (eds.) (2020). *Protest for a future II: Composition, mobilization and motives of the participants in Fridays For Future climate protests on 20-27 September, 2019, in 19 cities around the world.*
1. Wahlström, M., Kocyba, P., **De Vydt, M.**, & de Moor, J. (eds.) (2019). *Protest for a future: Composition, mobilization and motives of the participants in Fridays For Future climate protests on 15 March, 2019 in 13 European cities.*

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

- 2021, ECPR general conference, panel: Bringing Youth Back In: Youth Political Participation and Representation in the 21st century. Presented paper: *Political representation and climate change: friends or foes? An analysis of representative politics through the eyes of climate activists*
- 2020, ESA/ECPR Social Movements Midterm conference. Presented paper: *Smells Like Teen Spirit. Interpersonal protest recruiting for the 2019 Global Climate Strikes*
- 2018, Politicologenetmaal. Presented paper: *The empirical question of framing's effectiveness: does frame alignment predict protest participation?*